Engineering Publications CD Library

Edition Notes

Welcome to the Eighth edition of the WSDOT Engineering Publications CD Library! We're excited about the opportunity the CD Library presents for you to remove many of our printed manuals from your shelves. This CD will allow you to access WSDOT manuals directly from the CD without using hard drive space from your computer. No more impatient waiting for your computer to transfer files. You may also load WSDOT electronic forms to your hard drive. The system allows you to fill out the forms on the computer, print a copy, and save a record of the completed form.

With each successive release, we will be including more manuals and forms for you to use. We will also upgrade or change the technology we use to deliver these materials to you to make their use as easy as possible.

While we will make many decisions regarding what to include and how to present it, we actively solicit customer input and advice. This CD-ROM has been designed to provide you with the materials you need to do your job in a quick, more convenient manner. Best of all, these improvements have significantly reduced cost in taxpayer's dollars. We want to continuously improve the CD-ROM. Some of our best improvements have come from customer suggestions.

Please take the time to give your opinions and ideas on what works and what doesn't. Please return our customer feedback form by regular mail or E-mail the production coordinator Matt Love at lovem@wsdot.wa.gov. If you do not have E-mail, we can be reached via surface mail at Washington State Department of Transportation, Engineering Publications, PO Box 47408, Olympia, WA 98504-7408, or call us weekdays at **360-705-7430** (Pacific time).

We want to provide a product that is easy to use and meets your needs. We attempted to provide enough installation and usage instructions to get you going. Our goal is to make it easy to figure out what to click next. If you find the instructions and menus unclear, please let us know how we can improve our next release. We'd also like to know what has worked well for you.

Technical Notes

The technology used to produce the WSDOT Engineering Publications CD Library is Adobe Acrobat 4.0 and Filemaker Pro Runtime 4.0.

We chose Acrobat technology because it is widely used and is supported by a wide variety of computer platforms. Acrobat supports all major computer platforms. Filemaker Pro 4.0 runs on Windows NT, Windows 95/98, and Macintosh.

Acrobat Reader 4.0, with search capabilities, is free. We have included versions for Windows and Macintosh on the CD. If you find you need a different version of the Reader, you may download one for free from the Adobe Systems web site at www.adobe.com, or contact us at the addresses supplied above and we will help you get what you need.

Acrobat Reader 4.0 will support searchable text. This means you will be able to search all of the manuals for any text that you may wish to find. We have made all of the manuals on this CD fully searchable. Acrobat 4.0 also includes some Internet capabilities and we are planning on implementing this technology as appropriate in future releases.

We have also included a runtime version of Filemaker Pro 4.0 to load on your hard drive for accessing the electronic forms we have provided. Note that these are standard Filemaker Pro 4.0 databases. If you already use Filemaker Pro 3.0 or 4.0, you can use it to access these forms instead of the runtime version if you wish.

The main menu database for the forms is FORMMENU.FPR. Once you are familiar with the supplied forms you can open and use any of them directly. You are not required to go through the supplied menu. If you would like a full version of Filemaker Pro 4.0, it is widely available from most software outlets. The retail price for a full version is approximately $200 and the upgrade price from a previous version or a competing product is approximately $100.

There are 8 new and 38 revised Filemaker Pro Runtime forms included on this release. These forms will allow you to fill out the form on-screen, save a record of the completed form, and print a hard copy. There are also 29 Adobe Acrobat (print only) form files included. Not all WSDOT forms are available on the CD.

All included forms are available for use through the main forms menu. The files for the individual forms can be opened without going through the forms menu. The forms not available are indicated in the forms menu. For those of you who understand databases, the forms supplied are flat files. Filemaker Pro 4.0 is fully relational, but we have not implemented any relational links between forms. We may do so in future versions, but are undecided as to when or if. If you have comments regarding this matter, we would appreciate hearing from you.